

La Peña Cultural Center
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La Peña Cultural Center

Administrative Office Hours
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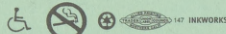
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FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Wednesday - Saturday, 1 - 6pm
(510) 849-2568 ext. 20 or www.lapena.org

Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Wednesdays: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Thursdays: 11am-2pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 11am-10:30pm
Sundays: 11am-9:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800



* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid. Programs subject to change.

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Two-Month Calendar

See back for April 2009

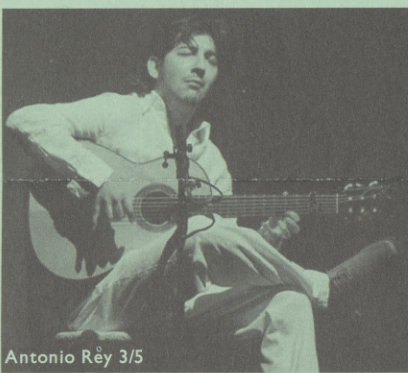
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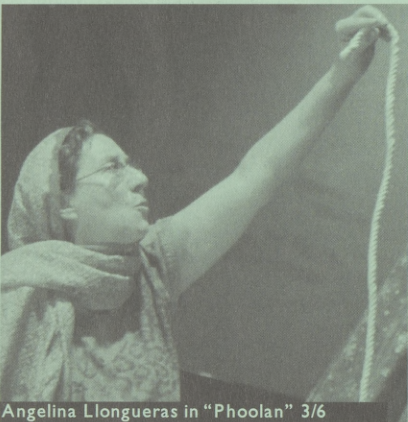
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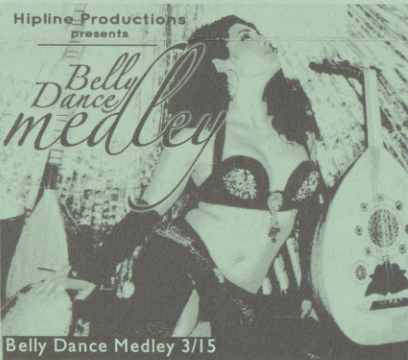
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Angelina Llongueras in "Phoolan" 3/6



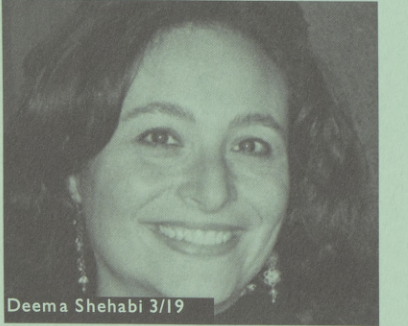
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Belly Dance Medley 3/15



Patricia Smith 3/19



Deema Shehabi 3/19

SUNDAY

1 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM
Join the Haiti Action Committee to launch a campaign to free political prisoner **Ronald Dauphin**
Haiti: 5 Years After the Coup
Hear Nia Imara speak about her recent trip to Haiti and an analysis by **Pierre La Bossière**. **Phavia Kugichagulia** will have words of inspiration and the **Troublemaker's Union** will provide music.
7pm \$10-\$25*
No one turned away www.haitisolidarity.net

8 DEDICATED TO THE WOMEN OF GAZA
Golden Thread Productions presents its annual celebration of **International Women's Day**
What do the Women Say?
An Evening of Poetry & Performance of the Middle East. This year's program is dedicated to the women of Gaza. With the poetry of **Deema Shehabi** & performance by **Jennifer Jajeh**.
7pm \$10 gen. \$8 students & seniors

15 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM
Hipline Productions presents
Belly Dance Medley
A night of dazzling Belly Dance and live Arabic music, under Lebanese-American Director, Samar Nassar. Showcasing Belly Dance styles from around the world, and performed by our talented and award winning Bay Area Belly Dancers.
www.myhipline.com
7:30pm \$18 adv. \$20 dr.

22 BENEFIT FILM SCREENING
Total Denial
(74 min., 2006). Documentary screening about a historic lawsuit. Fifteen Burmese jungle villagers bring a US court suit against a giant oil corporation for human-rights abuses. After ten years of fierce legal battles, the impossible victory. Sponsored by Filipino American Coalition for Environmental Solutions.
7pm \$12-\$25 sliding scale*

29 FILM SCREENING
Vivir (To Live, 55 min.)
A team of young adults in the inner city neighborhood of Richmond/San Pablo who were brought together by their love of music. The film advocates for cultural arts education as a means of community transformation & self realization. Meet the film participants from the Los Centzontles Mexican Arts Center of San Pablo in a Q&A.
7pm \$5-\$10 sliding scale

WEDNESDAY

4 SCIENCE CAFE IN THE LOBBY - FREE
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• Shure 58 & 57 mics

18 OPEN MIC POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM
THANKS TO OUR MANY GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL DONORS
And to the National Performance Network, The James Irvine Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Nonprofit Finance Fund, San Francisco Foundation, Walter and Elise Haas Fund, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, Vanguard Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund.

25 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN
THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!
Alameda County Arts Commission, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, East Bay Community Foundation, Ford Foundation, Gerbode Foundation
La Peña is a proud member of Berkeley Businesses for Peace



Rafael & Eduardo 3/27

THURSDAY

5 FLAMENCO
Festival of Flamenco Arts & Traditions
Direct from Spain, guitarist **Antonio Rey** presents *Flamenco a Través de Ti*, a concert with **Mara Rey** (cante/baile), **Pedro el Granaíno** (cante), and guest appearance by **Carola Zertuche** (baile)
8pm \$20 gen., \$40 premium seating
Adv. Tickets available at www.lapena.org
For other Festival events see www.FlamencoFestivalSF.com

12 HIP HOP JAM SESSION
Truth Be Told
Rico Pabon
Live Hip Hop and spoken word. Bring your lyrics or instruments for the open mic/jam session at the end of the night.
8pm \$5
(Check www.lapena.org for free emcee workshops with Rico Pabon)

19 POETRY FOR THE PEOPLE
June Jordan's Poetry for the People's *Poetry in the Community*
A multi-generational poetry conversation featuring four-time National Poetry Slam champion, HBO Def Poet **Patricia Smith**
Palestinian-American poet & editor **Deema Shehabi**
Emcee **Jen Ro** featured on VH1 & MTV, DJ **Munkee Pants**, P4P poets, & special guests! Hosted by P4P Director **Aya de Leon**
7:30pm \$10/\$5 (students/yth/disabled)

26 FILM TRAILER BENEFIT
Cecil B. Feeder is back from the mountains of Bolivia, where he's been shooting his latest documentary **Welcome to Yanayo**, about *Engineers Without Borders'* efforts to save an impoverished village. Cecil will screen the film's trailer to raise funds to finish the project. Plus Latin Jazz by **Calle 49**, comedy by **Michael Capozzola** and a silent art/photo auction.
7:30pm \$10 donation*

FRIDAY

6 DOCU-THEATER
Phoolan is all of us: In Memory of Phoolan Devi. A celebration of Women's Month. Written & performed by **Angelina Llongueras**
Additional texts by **Arundathi Roy** & *Phoolan Devi*. Directed by **Raquel Capdet**. Murdered in 2001, Phoolan was an Indian woman of a low caste who was a bandit, a member of the Indian Parliament, and a candidate for the Nobel Prize. In English & Catalan.
8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.

13 CONCERT
CD Release Celebration
Rafael Manriquez
Ingrid Rubis
Aquí te traigo una rosa (Here I Bring you a Rose). Rafael & Ingrid on guitars, charango, cuatro, piano, and Andean flutes will feature the repertoire of their new CD, a journey through Latin American folk styles showing songs of love, hope & freedom.
8pm \$12 (\$20 w/CD)

20 COMMUNITY ACTION SERIES
Reflections of Rebirth and Survival from the Clutches of War
Reclaiming Norooz
An evening of dramatic readings addressing the wars in Iraq and Palestine. Plus Iranian New Year Celebration, and Middle Eastern music and dancing.
8pm-12 am \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

27 LATIN AMERICA SERIES CONCERT
Que viva el Canto/Songs of Chile
Eduardo Peralta (on tour from Chile) with **Rafael Manriquez**
Eduardo Peralta, ingenious payador, returns from Chile for a concert of his most popular songs. He will be joined by Rafael Manriquez who will perform songs from a new compilation CD of Chilean music produced by the Smithsonian Folkways.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

SATURDAY

7 ASHEBA 10:30AM
A seasoned performer with a captivating voice and a plentiful repertoire
Marina La Valle
returns to Berkeley with songs and rhythms from the rich cultural tradition of the Afro-Peruvian people of Peru. With special guests **Felipe Pumarada**, **Braulio Barrera** & **Pedro Rosales**.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

14 ABBY & THE PIPSQUEAKS 10:30AM
A unique blend of Creole music and dance featuring the sounds of New Orleans carnival
Voyage Kreyol (Creole) with **Michelle Jacques** and **CHELLE! And Friends**, and Puerto Rico's rich history with **Hector Lugo** and **La Mixta Criolla**.
8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.

21 JERRY KENNEDY 10:30AM
La Peña Political Art Series
Artivists in Action
a roundtable of poetry sharing between poets/activists
Yosimar Reyes
Leticia Hernandez
Nina Serrano
MamaCoAtl
8pm \$7 adv. \$10 dr.

28 COLIBRI 10:30AM
Tons of fun with the Cuban Son!
Pellejo Seco
With their Experimental *San Cubana*, they skillfully blend blues, rock, jazz, flamenco, and hip-hop, with the unmistakable sound of Cuban Son.
9:30pm \$10 adv. \$13 dr.

FESTIVAL OF FLAMENCO ARTS & TRADITIONS 2009
THE BAY AREA FLAMENCO PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS
DIRECT FROM SPAIN!
LOS FARRUCO
FIRST FAMILY OF GYPSY FLAMENCO DANCE
FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH AT 8PM
THE PALACE OF FINE ARTS THEATER, SAN FRANCISCO
TICKETS: BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM 800-838-3006

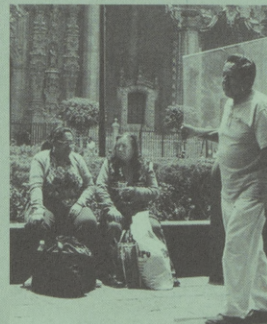
LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Theater, March 1-28. *El Centro Histórico: Street photography of Mexico City*. A series of B&W photos by artist & photographer **Ilona Sturm**.

Theater, April 1-30. *Laney College Printmaking Class Group Show*. Original prints by Laney College students led by Charlie Chavez. The vitality with which most students delve into the medium of printmaking can be seen and felt in the variety of ways they approach image making.



where the pilgrims came from other parts of Perú to bring tribute to the *Temple of the Oracle of Pachacamac* - the one that gives life to the world - a great religious city. Opening reception: Saturday, March 21, 5:30-7:30pm.



Café & Lobby: March 3-April 30. *Pachacamas* by **Anna Kaminska**. Photographs of the ruins of Pachacamac.

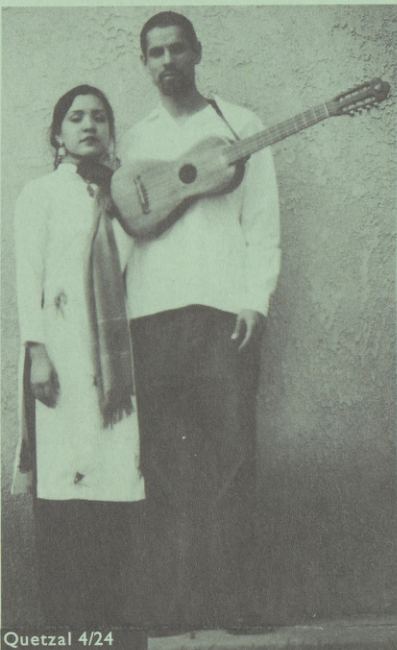
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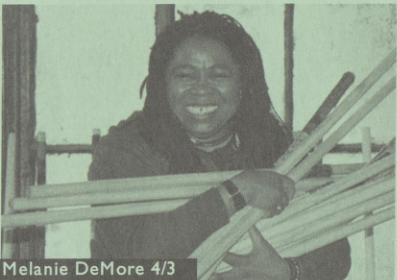
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Ixim Tinamit & Ana Nitmar 4/5



Quetzal 4/24



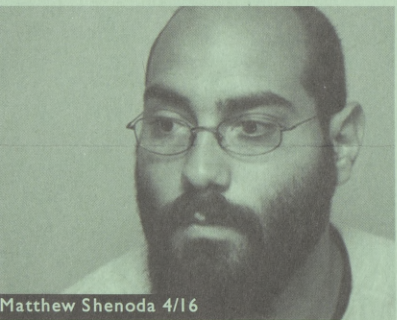
Melanie DeMore 4/3



Las Bomberas de la Bahía 4/4



Salvadora Galan 4/10



Matthew Shenoda 4/16



Orquesta La Moderna Tradición 4/17



Aya de Leon 4/16

SUNDAY

5 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Fiesta de Marimba, Guatemala's national instrument, featuring genres as diverse as the waltz, bolero, cumbia, 6X8, & the *son guatemalteco*. Featuring Guatemalan singer **Ana Nitmar** and the Marimba Ensemble **Ixim Tinamit** (*People of Corn*). Plus Guatemalan Folkloric Dancers. Advance tickets available through www.brownpapertickets.com/event/55208
7pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.*

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19 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

An evening of sizzling, swinging and soulful jazz & Latin jazz with tow of the bay area's rising stars.

The Pinderhughes

17 year old pianist, composer, and arranger Samora Pinderhughes and 13 year old flautist and vocalist Elena Pinderhughes return to La Peña for a concert featuring new original compositions by Samora and new vocal arrangements by Elena.
7pm \$10-\$15 sliding scale

26 SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

An intimate look at songwriting through asset based assessments of our community.

Documenting our His/Herstory Community Building Through Songwriting facilitated by Quetzal's Martha Gonzalez, Quetzal Flores, and Juan Perez, this workshop will focus on *convivencia* as a means of composing our music as a tool for building and redefining community.
2:30-6:30pm \$5 (See April 24)

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ATTENTION STUDENTS

Want to do your part for Cultural Activism for Social Justice? Become a La Peña volunteer or intern today! Internships for school credit can also be arranged. Call Mariola at (510) 849-2568 ext.13 or email mariola@lapena.org

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Advance Ticket information

Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org. Advance tickets **DO NOT** guarantee a seat. People with special needs should call (510) 849-2568 ext. 20. Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time.

THURSDAY

2 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Muchas Gracias!
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7:30pm \$10/\$5 (students/yth/disabled)

23 CONCERT/DANCE

Beatboxing Event

Speak the Music

This show will move you and blow you away with its ever-changing variety of artists. Speak The Music performers include: Soulati and Infinite from Felonious, Syzygy, Eachbox, Monkstilo, Karam, Cornbread, D.C., Icebox, Tim Barsky, Bronkar, Dust9, The Genie, Maximillion, DJ Chemical X & more. All ages.
8:30pm \$8

30 BENEFIT

Cuba Hurricane Benefit End the Blockade

Performers include Carolyn Brandy & Ojala, Amikaelya, Theresa Perez, and revolutionary poets open mike. Speakers from Free the Cuban 5, & report back on hurricane destruction from women drummers Cuba trip, & more. No one turned away for lack of funds.
7pm \$5-\$20 sliding scale* (check website for updated artist participants.)

FRIDAY

3 CONCERT/WORKSHOP

La Peña's Political Art Series

Melanie de More

in **Pounding for Peace**

Melanie will share music and teach the basics of **Gullah Stick Pounding**. Learn various rhythms and combine it with singing civil rights songs, spirituals, and songs of protest. Bring a four foot dowel about an inch and 1/4 round.
8pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.

10 FLAMENCO PURO

Flamenco guitarist and singer **Salvadora Galan**, originally from Cadiz Spain, has been performing since the age of 13. She has traveled throughout Spain, Portugal, The United States, and Mexico. She is thrilled to return to La Peña to share her unique musical abilities. Join us for a night of traditional flamenco music.
8pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.

17 DANCE

Danzón, cha-cha-cha, songo, and timba. The Bay Area's own

Orquesta La Moderna Tradición

perform classic and modern Cuban dance music.
9pm \$12

24 CONCERT/DANCE

La Peña's Political Art Series presents

Quetzal

plus **La Colectiva**.

Quetzal brings their mix of Mexican, Cuban, Latin American rhythms, jazz and rock, supercharged by dynamic vocals and their commitment to the soul and struggle of the Mexican American Legacy.
9pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.
See April 26: Quetzal Workshop

SATURDAY

4 BONNIE & FRAN 10:30AM

Afro-Puerto Rican Bomba with **Las Bomberas de la Bahía** and dance party with **La Colectiva!**

Join us for an evening of live music & dance with a performance by the Bay Area's only all female Bomba ensemble, followed by a performance with very special guests La Colectiva
8pm \$12

11 MARIELA & MONICA 10:30AM

CONCERT

Grupo Falso Baiano

is the Bay Area's premiere *choro* group. Burning tempos, impossible to play melodies and a joyous love for Brazil's first national music will be brought to bear on this special night.
8pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.

18 LOS MAPACHES 10:30AM

La Peña Community Chorus

The Chorus' first major show of 2009! We are excited that we have new members and lots of new songs to share, as we look forward to the Barack Obama era with hope and enthusiasm! Both CDs will be available to purchase. Come out and hear us!
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

25 BETSY ROSE 10:30AM

Tamalpa Life/Art presents:

Migrant Body, Body of Immigrants

Cuerpo Migrante, Cuerpo de Inmigrantes 3-5pm*Free (limited to 20 participants)
To register: plasmarte.ce@gmail.com

The Venezuelan Music Project

Join Jackeline Rago and the **Venezuelan Music Project** for *joropos, merengues, vales, golpes Tucuyanos*, plus *Tambores de la Costa*.
8:30pm \$16 adv. \$18 dr.

Help Support La Peña with eScrip

eScrip is a hassle-free way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

Traditional Afro-Peruvian Cajon Classes

Saturdays 12-1pm • \$10/class

Instructor: **Pedro Rosales**

Students will learn Afro-Peruvian rhythms on cajon including Festejo, Marinera, Peruvian Valse and Lando. For more info on this and other classes, please visit www.lapena.org

Memories for the Future La Peña Community History Project

Do you have videos, old fliers, photos or any other memento of you at La Peña? Do you have a story to tell about your experience at our center? Do you know someone with a good La Peña story? Let us know or send them to: La Peña Community History Project 3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, Ca. 94705 USA. Contact or call us at .510-849-2568 ext. 16, leave a message and we will thank you with a free pass to a La Peña show.

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Saturday Morning Kids Shows

10:30am - Adults \$5, Kids \$4, Family Pass \$12.

Turn off that TV, get your coffee early, and bring your kids to experience and participate in our lively and educational programs.

Saturday, April 4

Bonnie Lockhart & Fran Avni perform original songs for kids of all ages.

Saturday, April 11

Mariela & Monica perform music in Spanish.

Saturday, April 18

Los Mapaches. Andean music group perform festive music from Peru and Bolivia.

Saturday, April 25

Betsy Rose closes out our early morning children's concert series with songs of peace and respect for mother earth on Earth Day. (The series returns in October.)



La Peña Community Chorus 4/18



Falso Baiano 4/11

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